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To: City Council
Subject: Cambridge, Boycotting HP is Anti-Semitism!
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Dear Council Members,

I respectfully and strongly oppose the lack of transparency in this City Council Vote. As someone who is concerned about Cambridge, this resolution will have immense implications beyond Hewlett-Packard and, if adopted, would tarnish the reputation of Cambridge greatly.

I don't think it is the place of the city council to get involved in boycotts, in general. We should reflect values of community outreach and helping anyone in need through constructive actions, and help build bridges between communities. A boycott is counterproductive.

The Cambridge City Council should not abdicate its responsibilities to an interest group whose purpose is to demonize Israel. Any resolution of this kind deserves a full and just public hearing, including inviting experts and interested parties to weigh in openly before action is taken.

The BDS movement is detrimental to achieving peace. Extreme and deceptive claims, that belie the hard reality on the ground, wane the shared goal of establishing a Palestinian state. There are many good willed people who are working to bridge the divide between Israelis and Palestinians.

Boycotts, like the one under consideration, undermine these peacemakers, fuel polarization, and strengthen the hands of those who reject co-existence.

Sincerely,